

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 13, 2007
4:00 P.M.

LOCATION: Marriott East Hotel and Convention Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
Rodney Coats (General Public)
William Rutherford, MD (Emergency Physicians)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)
G. Lee Turpin II (Paramedics)
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Olinger, MD (Trauma Physicians)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Garvey, Division Director, Fire and
Building Safety

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Rodney Coats. Myron Mackey asked the commission to welcome the paramedic students who were attending the meeting. Mike Garvey announced that Tim Davie has resigned as Fire Chief of Fort Wayne Fire department and, therefore; he was no longer eligible to serve on the commission. Mr. Coats stated that he had watched the EMS system grow since 1983 when he first became involved with the commission. He then mentioned his witnessing of an excellent EMS response by Rescue 69, Ripley County, when a friend was involved in a motorcycle accident. He then announced that effective after this meeting he was stepping down as a member of the commission.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Gary Miller. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as submitted.

STAFF REPORTS:EMS PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION

First Responders currently certified	6,460
EMTs to be certified this date	610
EMTs currently certified	16,277
EMTs recertified this date	1,469
EMT Basic Advanced to be certified this date	38
EMT Basic Advanced currently certified	1,279
EMT Basic Advanced recertified this date	158
EMT Paramedics to be certified this date	58
EMT Paramedics currently certified	2,884
EMT Paramedics recertified this date	291
EMT Intermediates to be certified this date	12
EMT Intermediates currently certified	153
EMT Intermediates recertified this date	13
Temporary certificates issued:	
EMT-B	33
EMT Paramedic	05

Drivers Certifications currently certified: 1200

EMS PROVIDER CERTIFICATION REPORT

ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Basic-Advanced, EMT-I, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced, Paramedic Organization	7
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	5
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	19
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	16
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced	

Organization	5
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	2
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Rescue Squad	1
ALS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
ALS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	5
Ambulance Service Provider	92
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport	27
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	6
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	2
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Rescue Squad Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Intermediate Organization	1
Ambulance Service Provider, BLS Non-Transport, Paramedic Organization	7
Ambulance Service, BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	7
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	19
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced, EMT-Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	11
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, EMT-Intermediate organization, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization, Paramedic Organization	49
Ambulance Service Provider, EMT Advanced-Basic Organization	
Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization	1

Ambulance Service Provider, Intermediate Organization, Paramedic Organization	3
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization	35
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rescue Squad	1
Ambulance Service Provider, Paramedic Organization, Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	4
Ambulance Service Provider, Rescue Squad	1
BLS Non-Transport Organization	330
BLS Non-Transport, EMT Basic-Advanced Organization	4
BLS Non-Transport, Rescue Squad	85
Rescue Squad Organization	5
Rotorcraft Air Ambulance	15

Sherrie Crain introduced Mike Goff, a former EMT-P and firefighter, as the replacement for Bernie White who moved to another division of the agency. Mr. Goff will cover Homeland Security Districts 3 and 6.

EMS DATA REGISTRY

Mark Nelson presented the EMS Data Registry Report. Since the March commission meeting 155,064 EMS runs have been downloaded to the EMS SQL server for a grand total of 1,894,221 EMS runs.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Steve Garrison reported that the EMS Education Committee was still working on the 12-lead module. The committee has formed a sub-committee to review the EMS training system. He also reported that Sam Steinhilber has revised the First Responder, EMT Basic, and EMT Basic Advanced Practical Examination.

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE PROMULGATION

LSA Document #06-11 (General Rules)

Myra Snyder reported that the rules became effective on August 31, 2007.

LEGAL MATTERS

Order No.05-2007, Lifeteam of Indiana Corporationation, suspension of Provider Certification

Ms. Snider reported that a petition for stay of the suspension has been denied.

Renewal of Emergency Order of Suspension

It was reported that the Agency has renewed the Emergency Orders of Suspension issued to Michael Frasher, Paramedic #44267 and Christopher Buckner, Paramedic #34045.

Appeal of EMS Commission Denial of Request for Acceptance of Overdue Inservice Report

Cause No. 07-01, Thomas J. Numemaker, Paramedic #45460

Administrative Law Judge William Teegarden has remanded the cause back to the commission for action.

William Rutherford offered a motion to accept the original staff recommendation and grant a probationary certification until July 1, 2008. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Tactical EMS Core Curriculum

Dr. Ed Bartkus presented the final document for commission approval.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to approve the curriculum. The motion was seconded by Ed Gordon. The motion passed.

EMS Certification Examinations at Ivy Tech Sites

Mr. Pagano reported that 24 Ivy Tech College sites are now offering computer based EMT-B testing for a fee of \$15.00 per test.

Status of EMD Rules

EMS District Manager Robin Stump reported that a taskforce was meeting by conference calls. She will make a report to the commission at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

2007 Emergency Response Conference

Mr. Garvey welcomed everyone to the 28th Annual Emergency Response Conference. He noted the larger vender area and stated that the conference was being held jointly with the Indiana Fire Chief's Conference.

2007 Indiana EMS Survey

Mr. Garvey reported that Dr. George Avery, Purdue University, has conducted a survey of Indiana EMS training and salary issues and paid services versus volunteer issues. Seventy-three percent of those contacted have responded to the survey. Dr. Avery will be making a report to the commission at the next meeting.

2007 National Association of State EMS Officials Monograph Information

Mr. Mackey reported that, according to a study made by the association, Indiana ranked 36th in the nation in the number of paramedics per 100,000 population.

EMS COMMISSION RULE WAIVERS:

Provider Waiver Requests

Spencer County EMS, requesting permission for EMT-Intermediates to administer 12-lead EKGs for submission to the receiving facility. AND Dubois County EMS, requesting permission for EMT-Intermediates to administer 12-lead EKGs for submission to the receiving facility.

EMS District Manager Rebecca Blagrove presented the requests.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the requests.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Lee Turpin. The motion passed.

Huntertown Fire Department, 836 IAC 1-3-5(4), requesting authorization to carry and administer sub-lingual nitroglycerine

EMS District Manager Tom Nowacki presented the request.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Jane Craigin. The motion passed.

St. Joseph Medical Center, South Bend, Renewal of Request, 836 IAC 1-3-5, patient care equipment, 836 IAC 1-2-1, staffing on a specialty vehicle, and 836 IAC 1-3-3, word "Ambulance" on the vehicle

EMS District Manager Tom Nowacki presented the request.

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request.

Mr. Mackey offered a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpin. The motion passed. For the record Mr. Miller objects to the word "Ambulance" not being on the vehicle. He said the granting of such a waiver was not allowed by commission rules.

EMS Personnel Waiver Requests

Mr. Pagano presented the following requests:

Gary Brown, Basic EMT, #48516, Expired 7/1/07, requesting additional time to accumulate inservice hours

Staff's recommendation is to approve the request and allow 30 additional days from 9/17/07.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gordon. The motion passed.

Daniel P. Hamm, Basic EMT, #54605, Expired 4/1/07, requesting an extension of his EMT-B recertification time period

Staff's recommendation is to deny the request.

Mr. Turpin offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed on a show of hands with 5 voting "Yes" and 2 voting "No." The request is denied.

Michael Preuss, EMT course graduate, requesting an additional attempt to pass the EMT Practical Examination

Staff's recommendation is to deny the request.

Mr. Miller offered a motion to accept staff's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turpin. The motion passed. The request is denied.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT and DIRECTION:

Mr. Garvey reminded the commission about the Seat Belt Safety for EMS Personnel. He also reported progress in the purchase of 7 additional MCI trailers.

REQUEST FOR HONORARY EMT CERTIFICATION

Ms. Craigin offered a motion to bestow Honorary Paramedic Certification upon retiring chairman Rodney Coats. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mackey. The motion passed.

Chairman Coats thanked the commission and challenged all EMS personnel to "Work hard, work smart, and work together because the life you save may be mine."

2007 EMS COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Friday, November 16, 2007

Locations will be announced at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

APPROVED by The INDIANA EMS COMMISSION November 17, 2007